

To whom it may concern. I am a small business owner here in Mendocino county & I've just received word that there is a discussion to close all small businesses..... I pray this is just a horrible rumor! I've owned & operated the Forks Cafe for almost 14 years & have greatly contributed to this community. I have done everything asked of us to maintain safety for my staff as well as customers. To close my business now would be detrimental!! We just bought our first home & would not be able to pay our mortgage let alone other expenses if forced to close!!! I have 2 children under the age of 18 that are obviously depending on me having an income. I cannot even begin to fathom how anyone can possibly think that closing small businesses will help this community!!! I have not heard of one case of COVID-19 coming from a small business, with all of the safety precautions we have put into place as well as the thousands of dollars we have spent to accommodate the new rules, we will all be filing bankruptcy if this moves forward!!! Please, I beg you, reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Deanna Windle